

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Buena Vista Planning and Zoning Commission  
August 3, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado by Chair Trey Shelton. Also present were Commissioners Annie Davis and Tim Bliss, and Alternate Ed Barkowski. Staff Present: Principal Planner Mark Doering and Planning Technician Jill Abrell.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Shelton led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Abrell proceeded with the roll call and declared a quorum.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Shelton called for approval of the agenda. **Motion #1** by Davis seconded by Bliss to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Davis motioned for approval of the July 20, 2016 minutes. **Motion #2** was seconded by Bliss. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shelton opened the public comment portion of the hearing at 7:01 p.m. With no comments received, the public comment portion of the hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

**STAFF / COMMISSION INTERACTION**

The Commission discussed the APA Conference happening in September in Colorado Springs. Barkowski and Bliss expressed interest in going and noted they had the availability to attend.

Doering mentioned that he intends to continue to find training sources for the Commission. He noted that there is a negative attitude within the community towards the Planning and Zoning Department. Doering stated that educational opportunities to talk about what the Supreme Court has allowed would lead to the Commission being more informed, and that he hopes such education and information would help the Commission to address concerns from members of the community as to the role of the Planning and Zoning Department.

Doering then discussed plans to deal with illegal signs in town once the new Unified Development Code (UDC) is in place.

Bliss inquired about the nuisance ordinances. Doering responded that the Board of Trustees is still discussing them. He stressed the importance of zoning in relation to the proposed nuisance ordinances. He noted that the proposed ordinances would be back in front of Board of Trustees on August 24. Doering clarified that the ordinance regarding RVs and trailers parked on Town Right of Way passed but that currently they are not regulated on private property. He further stated that camping is not regulated. Doering noted some of the issues and concerns with people camping, such as the using of portapotties that had been set up for construction crews, leaving waste on the trails, and burning fires during a fire ban. Doering noted that rules are in place to handle such problems as these.

Doering mentioned the Colorado Municipalities Magazine. He discussed the organization and types of issues they write about and handed out copies to the Commission.


Doering discussed the UDC and some of the changes it is proposing that affect the Commission. Doering encouraged the Commission to review the "Process" section of the UDC. He also requested that the Commission review the proposed sign code and invited any input they may have.

Doering then discussed some concerns he had received from developers in the community. He explained why some of the complaints had been voiced and how he was handling them. He noted that he is simply looking for responsible development, and to verify plans to ensure code compliance.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Commissioner Bliss seconded. **Motion #3** was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Trey Shelton, Chair  
Jill Abrell, Planning Technician